

**Introduced by Senator Figueroa**

February 19, 2003

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An act to add Section 14132.52 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 308, as introduced, Figueroa. Medi-Cal outreach: Native Americans.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, administered by the State Department of Health Services, under which public assistance recipients and other qualified low-income persons are provided with health care services. The Medi-Cal program is, in part, funded pursuant to the federal medicaid program.

Existing law authorizes local governmental agencies and local educational consortiums to participate in the Administrative Claiming process in order to receive federal financial participation for Medi-Cal administrative activities. Under this process, the department may contract with each participating local governmental agency or local educational consortium to assist with the performance of administrative activities related to the Medi-Cal program.

This bill would authorize the department to enter into contracts with Native American tribes and tribal organizations for Medi-Cal outreach and educational activities, and would authorize these contracting Native American tribes and tribal organizations to contract with other tribes and tribal organizations to carry out these activities on their behalf. This bill would also provide that Native American tribes and tribal organizations contracting pursuant to this bill are deemed local governmental agencies for purposes of the Administrative Claiming process.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. Section 14132.52 is added to the Welfare and  
2     Institutions Code, to read:  
3     14132.52. (a) The department may contract with Native  
4     American tribes and tribal organizations for Medi-Cal outreach  
5     and educational activities.  
6     (b) Native American tribes and tribal organizations contracting  
7     with the department pursuant to subdivision (a) may enter into  
8     contracts with other tribes and tribal organizations to carry out  
9     those activities on their behalf.  
10    (c) In order to maximize federal financial participation  
11    pursuant to the Administrative Claiming process, a Native  
12    American tribe or tribal organization contracting pursuant to this  
13    section is deemed a local governmental agency for purposes of  
14    Section 14132.47.

